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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of Document (1) is enclosed.

- (1) JP 08 214248
- (2) U.S. Patent No. 5,572,499
- (3) U.S. Patent No. 4,655,577
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 4,768,099

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The above-listed documents were cited in a European Search Report, dated September 22, 2004 for a counterpart European application and may be relevant for the reasons cited therein. A copy of the European Search Report is enclosed.

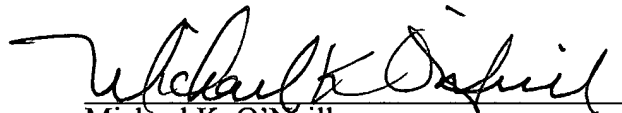
The European Search Report lists three additional references (US 5,258,880, GB 2 286 944 and US 4,574,319) which are not enclosed or listed on the attached form PTO-1449 because they were cited and submitted in an earlier filed Information Disclosure Statement dated December 10, 2002.

Enclosed is a check for required fee of \$180.00 to cover the Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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